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IN THE ABSTRACT:

A local communication system comprises a plurality of devices (10, 12, 50) interconnected (14) for ~~the data communication of data~~. One of the devices (12) is a display device arranged to display data from one or more other devices of the system, and one of ~~said the~~ devices (40) is a remote control carrying a first group of controls (A..G) for controlling respective operational functions of a device (10) of the system. The system is configured to identify a selected device (10) of the system to be controlled by user operation of ~~said a~~ remote control device (40), and to determine which operational functions of that selected device are missing ~~do not have a corresponding control (C, D)~~ on the remote control. For such functions, the system generates on the display device a user actuatable simulacrum 56 of a control for that function (H, J, K, L).

(Figure 2)